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In Patent Application of

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For: METHOD FOR DETECTING INVALID ELECTRONIC
STORAGE MEDIA AND CARD SYSTEM USING THE METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified
application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claims 1, 3, 9, 15, 16, 19, 21 and 22 as set forth
below:

1. (Amended) A method for detecting invalid electronic
storage media, said method comprising the steps of:

containing individual identification information and
group value information in each of said electronic storage
media;

holding a list which registers said individual
identification information of an invalid electronic storage
media in one of a plurality of groups corresponding to said
group value information of said individual identification
information;

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